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## BUILDING CONVENTION AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

More Than 100  
Register for  
Big Day

Alumni Join In  
Annual Party at  
Campus

In numbers that exceeded even last year's turnout, St. Joseph's alumni returned to the campus for a two-day reunion Aug. 15-16.

Among those who signed the register in the Rec hall are:

### Father Conroy Heads Alumni

The Rev. James M. Conroy, associate editor of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Ind., will succeed Henry Content of Richmond, Ind., as president of the St. Joseph's alumni association. The annual election was held during the two-day reunion, Aug. 15-16.

Other new officers are Thomas Medland, Logansport, Ind., first vice president; Clarence Sieben, Chicago, second vice president; and nominating committeemen Richard Scharf and Rev. Henry Martin, C.P.P.S., both of St. Joseph's faculty.

Arthur Loew, '39-'41; Ralph Cappuccilli, '44-'47; Jack Jones, '01-'03; Albin Hemmert, '12-'13; Leslie Hendrickson, '32-'36; Mark E. Kelly, '25-'31; Robert Causland, '39-'43; Thomase Warapius, '42-'43; Donald McAtamney, '31-'33; Harvey Schmal, '05-'08; Henry Fuertges, '03-'05; Charles Klapheke, Jr., '40-'43; Charles Vichurash, '32-'35; Dr. E. G. Klein, '19-'23; Dr. Walter Barth, '09-'13; James J. Buckley, '46-'48; Sylven Cook, '22-'23; Richard Schafer, '41-'42; Rev. Timothy Doody, '30-'36; J. J. Ikovic, '38-'42; Rev. Christian Daniel, C.P.P.S., '91-'96; Alexander Puetz, '27-'29; Thomas Layden, '41-'42; Dr. John E. Hemmert, '40-'41, '44-'45; Thomas O'Meara, '13-'16; Rev. H. J. Ameling, '33-'38; Rev. James Gerstbauer, '34-'40.

Roland Perry, '16-'17; Rev. Louis Duray, '26-'31; Dr. Frank Benchik, '38-'42; Donald Fooey, '29-'35; Rev. Anthony Suelzer, '29-'35; Rev. Robert Weis, '24-'30; Rev. C. L. Koors, '20-'25; Rev. John Beckmann, '21-'26; Rev. Joseph Klinker, '29-'35; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Mungovan, '91-  
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### New Projector at the College Library



Rev. Anthony Gamble, assistant librarian, examining the new Spencer Dalineoscope, capable of projecting 2" x 2" and 3 1/4" x 4" reproductions of opaque pictures from books, in color or in black and white. The projector is the gift of the class of 1936.



SISTERS PRAISE SUMMER SESSION—Sisters de Notre Dame, Sisters of St. Joseph, Ursuline Sisters, and Sisters of the Precious Blood are among the first sister alumnae of St. Joseph's. They attended the summer session at the college and praised the program.

Exhibitors and  
Delegates Demand  
Return Engagement

St. Joseph's Praised  
for Great Service to  
Church and Business

More than 2,200 pastors, religious superiors, and college officials from 33 states, two Canadian provinces, and four foreign countries gathered in Chicago, June 30, July 1, 2, and 3, at the Stevens Hotel for the first National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition. Architects, contractors, and manufacturers of building materials, furnishings and equipment joined the administrators to discuss details of the Catholic Church's gigantic building program which will average about one billion dollars a year for the next ten years, according to the Business and Industry Foundation of the college of St. Joseph's of Indiana, sponsor of the convention and exposition.

Cardinal Stritch Gives  
Keynote Address

In a program keynoted by His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, the administrators heard a long list of building and allied industry authorities address the convention's five general sessions which covered planning, architecture, construction and materials, equipment, and the general outlook. Five major panel sessions were also conducted covering remodeling, the church, the school, the institution and the recreation center.

In his opening address, Cardinal Stritch commended St. Joseph's of Indiana for its service to the church and suggested that the convention and exposition be held again in 1949. Cardinal Stritch said the need for churches, schools and institutions was greater than ever and urged that buildings be kept simple yet combine majesty and dignity.

"If we are to meet our needs," the churchman continued, "there must be simple churches which shall not be mistaken for hangars; schools with a dignity the factory building does not boast, and institutions which future generations will not liken to the very  
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## Dedication

His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, in his keynote address at the first National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition, expressed the need of this type of meeting in the words, "We have had national Catholic educational meetings, we have had meetings in the interest of other Catholic activities, but never concerning the important area of Catholic building." His Eminence continued to say that a meeting of this sort is so obviously needed that it was strange it had never been attempted before.

He expressed congratulations to St. Joseph's of Indiana for its courage in sponsoring the project and expressed his conviction that the assistance given by this type of convention would be invaluable to administrators of church property and he voiced the hope that the project would be repeated in his episcopal city.

The members of the hierarchy who had consented to act as presiding officers at some of the sessions of the convention spoke in their introductions, in appreciation, in commendation and in praise of the project. In the course of the convention and exposition a questionnaire was passed to the delegates and to the exhibitors to inquire concerning the value of the convention and the advisability of continuing it in the future. The replies to the questionnaires were all enthusiastic endorsements of the service and of its continuance.

In the closing address Bishop Marling, Auxiliary Bishop of Kansas City, Missouri, summarized the achievements of the convention and spoke of its future. Having been advised of the impressive commendations of the exhibitors and the delegates, he promised in the name of the sponsors that the convention would be repeated with a program that would surpass that of 1948. So the convention just concluded becomes the first in a series of such meetings.

St. Joseph's, in sponsoring the National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition, has in mind the value of a public service to the church in the United States, to religious superiors, to school officers, to pastors—to all, in brief, who deal with Catholic building or remodeling problems.

The convention project is an earnest effort to bring to administrators of building funds the best of architectural knowledge, the best of construction genius, the best of advice on materials, on equipment, and on furnishing. The exposition is an attempt to bring to the notice of those who deal with construction and furnishings the various types of materials which may be utilized to realize the objective of which the Cardinal spoke as beauty, efficiency and economy in Catholic edifices.

St. Joseph's plans a continued service stretching over the period of time intervening between conventions by acting as a clearing house for inquiries. These inquiries will be directed to authorities in specified fields.

To beauty, to efficiency, and to economy in Catholic buildings the National Catholic Building Convention and Exposition is dedicated.

## Alumni Quickies

## Big Day

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'97; Rev. M. M. Dreiling, C.P.P.S., '25-'30; Rev. Joseph Otte, C.P.P.S., '27-'32; Edward Volk, '29-'33; Norbert Schuck, '18-'22; E. W. Hoelker, '18-'19; Bernard Lear, '13-'19; Rev. Henry Schaeffer, '16-'20; John Kallal, '17-'19; Rev. Joseph Wonderly, '13-'16; Francis Walter, '18-'22; Jerry Haugh, '18-'19; Rev. Thomas Grotenthaler, C.P.P.S., '25-'28; Rev. Robert Siebeneck, C.P.P.S., '35-'39; Rev. Mark Dorenkemper, C.P.P.S., '40-'42; Rev. Robert Stukenborg, C.P.P.S., '27-'32; Rev. Joseph Kenkel, C.P.P.S., '07-'13; Rev. Sylvester Hartman, '96-'02; Edward Henrich, '24-'27; Rev. Robert Wendeln, '39-'41.

Rev. C. F. Boniface, C.P.P.S., '34-'37; Joseph Howard, '15-'18; Robert Cunningham, '17-'18; Henry Contant, '10-'13; Brother Herman Fehrenbach, C.P.P.S., '92-'98; John Boeke, '95-'98; Rev. Herman Klockner, '21-'25; Richard Mickley, '46-'48; Paul Welch, '44-'46; Rev. Albin Bauer, C.P.P.S., '18-'23; James Fitzmaurice, '38-'40; Gregory Forsthoefel, '15-'16; Mark Forsthoefel, '43-'48; David Dillon, '45-'46; Harry Tippman, '35-'39; John Alt, '35-'39; James Yochem, '44-'46; Patrick Crooks, '29-'30; Phil Berg, '30-'31; David Sheehan, '46; Jack Clifford, '45-'47; Dale O'Connor, '46-'48; John Thieme, '42-'46; James Thieme, '43-'47; Edward Purcell, '16-'17; Joseph LaMere, '16-'20; James Bogan, '40-'43; Dr. John Schlereth, '39-'42; Robert Gutting, '36-'40; Robert Kaple, '34-'38; Joseph Faulkner, '38-'41; Myron Kundtz, '25-'27; Rev. C. G. Kern, C.P.P.S., '26-'31; Leo Niese, '15-'18; Rev. C. J. Kroekel, C.P.P.S., '18-'23.

Thomas Medland, '23-'25; Edward Sandrick, '32-'34; Fred Thieme, '13-'15; A. H. Bernard, '01-'02; Ernest Hoyng, '19-'23; LaMont Hoyng, '24-'27; Frederick Giere, '44-'45; Robert Eder, '42-'46; Gerald Eder, '34-'38; Robert Hummel, '42-'46; Richard Scheiber, '37-'41; James H. Mason, '45-'46; Joseph Klein, '16-'18; Chester Pawlak, '28-'31; Richard Meyer, '29-'31; Rev. Carl Nieset, C.P.P.S., '25-'28; Rev. Kilian Dreiling, C.P.P.S., '25-'30; Rev. Urban Siegrist, C.P.P.S., '25-'28; Rev. Frederick Fehrenbacher, C.P.P.S., '17-'22; Rev. Alfred Zanolar, '25-'27; Rev. Frank Laudick, C.P.P.S., '25-'27; Rev. Gilbert Eßer, C.P.P.S., '12-'18; Rev. Joseph Hiller, C.P.P.S., '13-'19; Rev. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., '18-'23; Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., '18-'23; Rev. Gerard Lutkemeier, C.P.P.S.; Rev. Charles Robbins, C.P.P.S., '29-'33; Gerald McGraw, '32-'37; Jerome Weidner, '36-'40; Brother John Marling, C.P.P.S., '18-'23; Edward Heiman, '46-'47; Fred Jones, '45-'48; Richard Scharf, '34-'38.

## Ralph V. Annen, Dies

The prayers of the Alumni are asked for the happy repose of the soul of Ralph V. Annen, who died in Chicago on July 24. Ralph was a student at St. Joseph from September 1911 to June 1914. A brother George, also an alumnus, is among the bereaved relatives.

## Panel Sessions Help Catholic Builders



At the Recreation Center Panel, A. M. Strauss of the architectural firm of A. M. Strauss & Associates presided and Mr. Donald L. Kline, building consultant of the National Recreation Association, was the principal speaker. This session attracted an unexpectedly large attendance showing a wide interest in recreation centers.



At the Church Panel, Gerald Barry and J. Sanford Shanley, architects, together with Theodore C. Barbarossa, Emil Frei and Maurice Lavanoux, all noted authorities in church construction and decoration, were heard.



At the Remodeling Panel, Edward G. Gavin, editorial director of "The American Builder," presided and was assisted by authorities from principal building and remodeling fields: John J. Riordan on lighting; Rupert J. Webber on plumbing; Joseph S. Kearney on heating; Philip Creden, Edward Hines Lumber Co. on materials; and W. J. Lynch, Sr.

## Mr. and Mrs. Dirksen Mark 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dirksen of Osgood, Ohio, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Sunday, July 25, with three priest sons officiating at a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving in St.

Nicholas church, Osgood.

Mr. Dirksen was among the first students enrolled at St. Joseph's, 1891-'93, and had been a teacher in Ohio's public schools until his retirement a few years ago. Four sons of the golden jubilarians have been students at Collegeville: Clarence B. 1913-'14, the Rev. Aloys H. 1914-'20, and president of the College, 1938-'44, at present Professor of

Religion at Notre Dame University, the Rev. Cletus F. 1925-'26, Assistant Professor of Economics on the campus, and the Rev. Richard F. 1930-'34, assistant at St. Augustine's parish, Minister, Ohio.

Contact! extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dirksen, and best wishes for good health and many more years together.

## Convention An Outstanding Success

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poorest of the Victorian creations."

Homer Hoyt, president of Homer Hoyt Associates, city planners, told delegates that churches and schools should be erected so residents needn't cross heavy traffic arteries to get to them. Mr. Hoyt covered the entire subject of "Understanding Community Growth and Need Factors for Better and Longer Range Service" in the planning session. He was followed by John J. Flad, architect, who outlined the essentials of plot planning for the Catholic building group.

C. Theodore Larson, associate editor, *Architectural Forum*, answered the question, "The New Look, or the Old, in Architecture?" in an illustrated paper showing numerous architectural styles from all over the world. Mr. Larson urged delegates to heed Cardinal Stritch's advice in making the best use of the newest developments in design, materials, and architectural styles.

### Grunsfeld Urges Programming

The task of selecting and working with the architect was covered by Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr., noted architect-lecturer. Mr. Grunsfeld emphasized the need for programming construction projects. "Should There Be a Diocesan Planning Board?" was discussed by Rev. James E. Doyle, executive secretary of the Chicago Archdiocesan Planning Board. Father Doyle told delegates of the difficulties his board is encountering and the steps they are taking to solve them, in the vast Congress Street widening project in Chicago where millions of dollars worth of church property is involved.

The ideal relationship between the administrator, the architect and the contractor was the subject of George F. Denniston, executive manager, Eggers and Higgins, architects. George F. Hutter, president, Hutter Construction Co., told delegates that the materials shortage condition was easing and that when proper planning with the architect and the contractor is undertaken, building can be achieved in reasonable time.

In the equipment group, Miss Isabelle Peterson, executive dietitian, Swift & Co., presented an illustrated talk on "Planning or Re-Planning the Institutional Kitchen" and Samuel R. Lewis, heating and ventilating engineer, pointed the way for the economical and efficient heating and air conditioning of Catholic buildings.

Sisters representing three religious orders, the Society of the Precious Blood, the Sisters of the Holy Cross, and the Sisters of Mercy, reviewed the sister's viewpoint. The Class Room's design and requirements were discussed by Sister Mary Grace, C. P. S.; The Convent and College Building was the subject of Sister Mary Madeleva, C. S. C.; and The Hospital was covered by Sister Mary Reginald, R. S. M. These outstanding women from the Catholic

educational and institutional field were among the best received speakers at the convention.

"When Will Conditions Be Right for Building?" was answered by Kenneth K. Stowell, editor-in-chief, *Architectural Record*. Mr. Stowell said that great building programs had been undertaken by industry to supply the material needs of mankind and urged Catholic builders to proceed at once with their plans because the spiritual needs are of far greater importance.

C. L. Staples, managing editor, *Institutions Magazine*, in a brief address, "Keeping Pace With America, Institutions Build," told administrators where they could secure building and remodeling information. A booklet giving information sources was distributed to delegates. The booklet was especially prepared by *Institutions* for the convention.

In the panel sessions which were held Thursday afternoon, July 1, some of the country's leading authorities conducted intensive discussion periods on the foremost topics of the day.

Edward G. Gavin, editorial director, *The American Builder*, was chairman of the Remodeling Panel, and was assisted by John J. Riordan, lighting engineer, Commonwealth Edison Co.; Philip Creden, advertising director, Edward Hines Lumber Co.; Rupert J. Webber, president, Jacob G. Webber Co., heating engineers and contractors; and Joseph S. Kearney, Northwestern Plumbing and Heating Co.

Maurice G. Lavanoux, secretary of the Liturgical Arts Society; Theodore C. Barbarossa, National Sculpture Society; Emil Frei, designer; J. Sanford Shanley and Gerald Barry, architects conducted the Church Panel.

Clark G. Harris, staff architect, Tarren S. Holmes, Inc.; Thomas Higgins, director, Bureau Building Surveys, Chicago Board of Education; and Raymond Welch, conducted the School Panel. Nine Bishops Attend

The Recreation Center Panel was conducted by Donald L. Kline, consultant, National Recreation Association.

Rev. Gustav J. Schultheiss, James Fahy, and Eugene Hult of Institutional Commodities, Inc. of New York conducted the Institutional Panel.

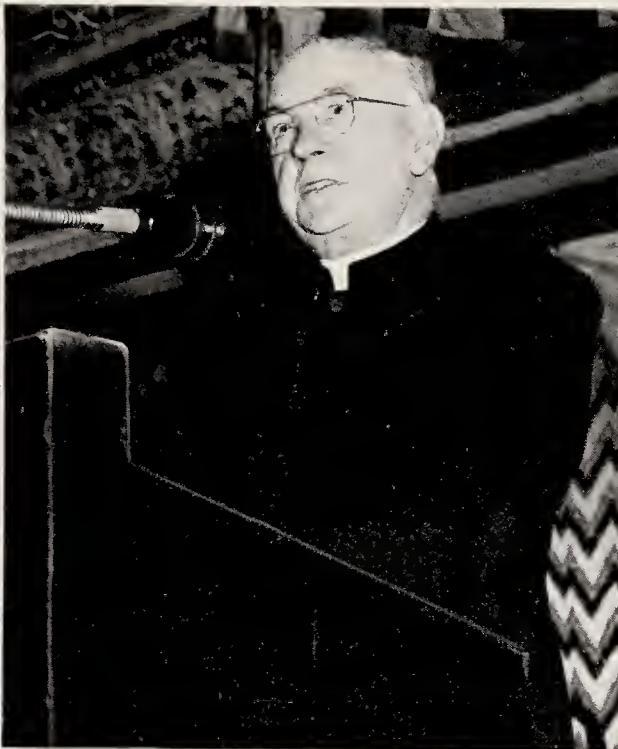
Nine members of the Catholic hierarchy attended the convention, four of them acting as presiding officers. They included Cardinal Stritch; Archbishop Kiley of Milwaukee; Bishop Musso of Steubenville, Ohio; Bishop Bennett of La Fayette in Indiana; Bishop Marling of Kansas City; Bishop Griffin of Springfield, Ill.; Bishop O'Brien of Chicago; Bishop Ryan of Bismarck, N. D.; and Bishop Cuinco of the Philippine Islands. Delegates from Brazil, India and Cuba were also registered.

At the close of the convention Bishop Marling outlined plans for the 1949 convention and exposition which will be held in Chicago.

# Some of the Speakers Who Addressed Catholic Building Convention



Most Rev. John K. Mussio, Bishop of Steubenville, O., who presided at The Construction and Materials Group session.



His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch as he delivered the inspiring keynote address, "Objectives of Catholic Building." Cardinal Stritch called the convention and exposition a much needed service for Catholic builders and expressed the hope the event would be repeated.



Most Rev. John G. Bennett, Bishop of La Fayette in Indiana, who presided at The Planning Group session, June 30.



The Sister's Viewpoint was given by Sister Mary Grace, C.P.P.S., Sister Mary Reginald, R. S. M., and Sister Mary Madeleva, C.S.C.



The Institutional Panel was conducted by James Fahy, Eugene Hult and Rev. Gustav J. Schultheiss of Institutional Commodities, Inc., New York City.

Standing: Rev. John M. Lefko, C.P.P.S., originator of the convention; James V. Malone, general manager; and Very Rev. Henry A. Lucks, president of St. Joseph's, confer with (seated) Most Rev. Joseph M. Marling, C.P.P.S., auxiliary bishop of Kansas City; Most Rev. Vincent J. Ryan, bishop of Bismarck, N. D.; and Very Rev. S. W. Oberhauser, Provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood at the close of the convention.



The School Panel was handled by Clark G. Harris, Raymond Welch and Thomas Higgins.